

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A shift control method for shifting into a forward driving range selecting a target shift gear of a forward driving range when a shift lever changes from a reverse range to the forward driving range while driving in a reverse driving range of an automatic transmission vehicle, comprising:

detecting a shift lever position of the vehicle;

detecting an engine revolution speed of the vehicle;

detecting a throttle valve opening of the vehicle;

detecting a vehicle speed; and

performing a shift control operation for shifting into a first gear if the shift lever is changed from a reverse driving range to a forward driving range and the engine revolution state is an idling state, and if the detected throttle valve opening, vehicle speed respectively are not more than predetermined values and by detecting a turbine shaft revolution speed of a torque converter; and

performing a shift control operation for shifting into the first gear if the detected vehicle speed is more than the predetermined value, and if the detected turbine speed is not more than a predetermined value

detecting a turbine shaft revolution speed of a torque converter; and selecting the target gear of the forward driving range based on at least one of the vehicle speed and the turbine shaft revolution speed, if the shift lever position is changed from the reverse range to the forward driving range, an engine revolution state is an idling state, and the detected throttle valve opening is more than a first predetermined value, wherein a first gear is selected

as the target gear if the vehicle speed is not more than a second predetermined value, and wherein the first gear is selected as the target gear if the vehicle speed is more than the second predetermined value and the turbine speed is not more than a third predetermined value.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising;
performing a shift control operation for shifting a speed range from a neutral range to the forward driving range, if the shift lever is changed from the reverse driving range to the forward driving range and an engine revolution state is not an idling state, and if the detected throttle valve opening is more than the predetermined value.

4. (Currently Amended) The shift control method of claim1, further comprising:
~~performing a shift control operation for shifting into a second gear if the detected turbine speed is more than the predetermined value wherein in said selecting the target gear, a second gear is selected as the target gear if the vehicle speed is more than the second predetermined value and the turbine speed is more than the third predetermined value.~~